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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
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<i>RCE #</i>	Application Number	09/844,688
	Filing Date	April 27, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Maria T. STOLL et al.
	Art Unit	2174
	Examiner Name	Sax, Steven Paul
	Attorney Docket Number	STL920000101US1/1940P

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment Under 37 CFR 1.116 iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 09-0460 (IBM Corporation).

i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)	03/23/2005	MAHMED1	00000045	090460	09844688
ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)	01 FC:1801				790.00 DR
iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____					
- b. Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Attorney Name	Michele Liu, Reg. No: 44,875
Signature	
Date	March 18, 2005

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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